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Art Unit 1633

Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/618,299; Filed: July 11, 2003

For: Method of Enhancing Delivery of a Therapeutic Nucleic Acid

Inventors: Barsoum et al.

Our Ref: 2159.0830001/EJH/SAS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121; and
- 2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 9, 2007, Applicants submit the following corrected Amendment and Reply. Claims 65-66 were incorrectly labeled as claims 67-68 in the Amendment and Reply originally filed on December 18, 2006. Applicants apologize for any confusion. A corrected copy of the *Amendments to the Claims* section begins at page 2, with claims 65-66 now correctly numbered. A corrected copy of the *Remarks* section is also submitted herewith beginning at page 8, with remarks now referring to the proper claim numbers.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.